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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 58

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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study the need for mental health and chemical dependency utilization review.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the need for mental health and chemical dependency utilization review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall study whether persons who recommend denial of care or determine that a service is not clinically appropriate should be licensed in an appropriate mental health discipline and specialty area. The activities of the TennCare program shall not be included in the study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall study and consider reasonable and appropriate guidelines for utilization review procedures, precertification processes, and continuation of care protocols for different levels of care for mental health and chemical dependency conditions, including inpatient, residential, partial hospitalization, wrap-

around services, outpatient, and other programs for both in-network and out-of-network providers and facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall review record-keeping and precertification requirements for individuals treated for mental health or chemical abuse disorders and shall recommend reasonable and appropriate guidelines for such requirements. Record-keeping recommendations shall be made with sensitivity relative to the extreme privacy and confidentiality needs of the mental health or chemical dependency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred Second General Assembly no later than April 1, 2001, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.